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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Andre HECQ, et al.

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FOR: COLOURED GLASS SUBSTRATE CARRYING A COATING

STATUTORY DECLARATION OF GUY FARMER

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SIR:

Guy Farmer declares as follows:

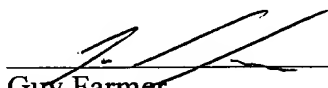
1. He is employed by Glaverbel, (sometimes referred to as Glaverbel S.A.) a Belgian entity which is the assignee of the present application, and has personal knowledge of the following.
2. He is a European Patent Attorney and head of the Département Propriété Intellectuelle of Glaverbel. The Département Propriété Intellectuelle is roughly equivalent to the Intellectual Property Department of a United States Company.
3. Under the law of Belgium, an invention, made in the course of employment by an employee, is owned by the employer.
4. U.S. Patent No. 6,231,971 to Terneu et al has been cited as a reference in connection with the present application. The inventors (Terneu et al) were all employees of

Glaverbel at the time that the invention which is the subject matter of U.S. Patent No. 6,231,971 was made. Glaverbel was, therefore, the owner of the invention of U.S. Patent No. 6,231,971 as of the time the invention was made. Glaverbel has not transferred the ownership of the invention of U.S. Patent No. 6,231,971 and therefore remains the owner of that invention.

5. With respect to the present application, the inventors are Hecq, Tixhon and Coster. Each of these inventors were employees of Glaverbel at the time that the invention which is the subject matter of the present application was made. Glaverbel was, therefore, the owner of the invention of the subject matter of the present application as of the time the invention of the present application was made. Glaverbel has not transferred the ownership of the invention of the present application and therefore remains the owner of the invention of the present application.

6. Accordingly, "the subject matter of the reference (Terneu et al) and the subject matter of the invention claimed in the present application were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, owned by the same entity, Glaverbel".

Executed at Washington, in the District of Columbia, under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States, on the 30th day of June, 2005.



Guy Farmer .